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EXAMINER: K. M. Gagliostro

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

**I. SUBMITTED UNITED STATES PATENT REFERENCES**

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Patent Number</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
AA	5,804,465	Banghart, et al.	September 8, 1998
AB	5,008,758	Burke	April 16, 1991
AC	5,619,049	Kim	April 8, 1997

**II. SUBMITTED FOREIGN PATENT REFERENCES**

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Patent Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>
AH	EP 0 854 516 A2	Europe	July 22, 1998

III. OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

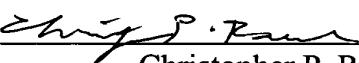
IV. EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA-AC and AH were cited in a search report for a counterpart foreign application dated March 9, 2005. A copy of the international search report is enclosed herewith.

Copies of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98. Except as provided, the undersigned does not possess English translations of the non-English references.

All claims of the application are patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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